



*Our mission is to be an inclusive community of faith
that preaches the word of God,
teaches the love of Jesus Christ and
reaches out to all through the Holy Spirit.
- We are an Open and Affirming Congregation -*

**Charles H. Whiston
Minister Emeritus**

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

World Communion Sunday

October 7, 2018

Order of Service

~ Quietly We Gather To Worship Together ~

Emeritus is an honorary title bestowed upon one who has retired from a pastoral position, as a way of honoring the individual's service. Emeritus comes from the Latin word emereri, which means to earn one's discharge by faithful service. Bestowing the title "Pastor Emeritus" upon a retiring pastor is a way for the church leadership to honor his service to the church. When the retiring minister is staying within the community, the church may wait for a 12 to 24 months before honoring the retired minister, to effectively allow for some separation and to give the new pastor a chance to establish him / herself in the church. In our case, the many miles between South Church and Reverend Whiston will allow for that separation almost immediately.

Many UCC churches view the emeritus title as an expression of 1 Timothy 5:17, "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching."

Reverend Charles has taught us through both word and deed how to be a stronger, more caring and more generous community. We will remember with respect and appreciation your gift to reach both young and old with God's word, your gentle guidance, patience and humor. While distance will indeed separate us, it will not take away the lessons of compassionate service that he has taught us, nor the gifts of faith, hope, love and charity that he has shared with us over the years.

With this in mind, and recognizing your pastoral leadership of this congregation since 1991, Central Board, on behalf of the entire South Church community humbly bestow upon you the honor of being known to us and to others as Pastor Emeritus Reverend Charles Whiston. In conferring this honor, we pledge ourselves to continued concern for your health and happiness. We will hold you in our prayers and cherish the many contributions you have made.

Respectfully,

2018 Central Board, South Congregational Church UCC, Kennebunkport, ME